

HOME, ITS PROBLEMS AND INTERESTS

WOMAN'S INQUIRY COLUMN

Letters to the Woman's Inquiry Column are invited. They should be addressed to Editor Woman's Inquiry Column, Washington Times, and should reach the office before Saturday to insure an answer the following week. Each letter must bear the full and correct signature and the address of the sender, not for publication, but merely as an evidence of good faith. Unsigned letters will be ignored.

Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:

1. Will you kindly publish in your column some paper or publishing house where I may send stories to be published?

2. And where they pay the best price for manuscript?

I am sorry, but I cannot answer these questions in this column. If you will send me a self-addressed and stamped envelope I will try to answer the first question, though I am not well informed about the second.

Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:

Will you kindly publish a recipe for unfermented grape juice?

Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:

Please publish the formula for orange-flower cream.

Oil of sweet almonds, 4 ounces; white wax, 6 drams; spermaceti, 6 drams; borax, 2 drams; glycerine, 1 1/2 ounces; orange flower water, 2 ounces; oil of neroli, 15 drops; oil of bigarade (orange skin), 15 drops; oil of petit grain, 15 drops.

Melt the first three ingredients, add the glycerine to the orange flower water, and dissolve the borax in the mixture; then pour it slowly into the blend of fats, stirring continuously.

Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:

I noticed in your column some time ago a good cure for dandruff. I have lost that paper. Will you please publish it for me again?

To remove dandruff—Tincture of cantharides, 1 ounce; liquid ammonia, 1 dram; glycerine, 1/2 ounce; oil of thyme, 1/2 ounce; rosemary oil, 1/2 dram.

Mix all together with six ounces of rosewater. Rub on the scalp with the preparation until the dandruff entirely disappears.

Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:

How can I remove the hollows from my neck? I am very anxious to wear a low-necked gown this summer, but am ashamed to on account of my thin neck.

Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:

To improve the appearance of your throat and neck, bathe them every night with warm water, then rub a good skin food well into the pores and let it remain on all night. In the morning massage with cold water and dry briskly with a coarse towel. This treatment will in a short time transform angles and leanness into plumpness.

Editor Woman's Inquiry Column:

1. Will you please publish the names of some good new books which would be suitable to give a young man?

2. Also publish a list of articles which would be suitable for a young lady to give a young man on his birthday.

1. I am sorry, but I cannot answer these questions in the columns, as I cannot recommend proprietary articles. Ask the clerk at any of the book stores and he will be able to tell you much better than I can.

2. A scarf, a necktie, cuff buttons, a fountain pen, initial handkerchiefs, a cuff and collar box, a pipe rack, if he smokes, an appropriate picture for a man's room, a clasp to hold his tie in the front of his shirt, a silver match safe, or a sofa cushion are all suitable gifts for a man.

Porch Table Covers.

Nowadays no one sits in the house in summer with half an opportunity to stay outside. Woman practically lives on her porches, and in consequence those porches must be made as habitable as possible.

Easy chairs there must be, with an occasional table to hold books, work-basket and a vase of flowers.

The coverings for these outdoor tables have a charm all their own. The dainty affairs of linen and lace, which must be kept immaculately white, are, of course, quite impracticable for a porch, and must be relegated to the living room or bedroom of the summer home, while something that will not soil, yet is showy and dainty, is chosen.

A really lovely table cover may be made of a square of crepe, or of canvas or cotton etamine, with an eight or ten inch border of gay-colored flowered cretonne, or a central square in rich, dark Egyptian design has a plain border in some harmonizing shade.

Another cover—somewhat daintier than this—may be made of inexpensive pink ticking, with large roses cut from cretonne and applied around the outer edge for an irregular border. A tiny black wash galleon can be used in this applique to give a little more character to the design.

A very striking cover, indeed, is a square of the new English flowered chintz in a conventionalized design of brilliant red apples in different shades peeping from among green leaves. This has no other finish than a narrow cotton taffeta braid about two inches wide.

Even more serviceable are the so-called thread and thrum covers, woven the same as an old-fashioned rag carpet. These stand hard wear and can be thrown in the wash for perfect safety. Equally washable, and costing almost nothing, are table covers made of unbleached muslin with a broad border of gay Scotch plaid gingham, navy blue chambray, or even a vivid turkey red.

Any of these little accessories make a porch wonderfully home-like and attractive, yet are so cheap, easily made and laundered so well that the most careful housewife need not have them on her mind when the dust blows, or rains descend, or pilferers come nigh.

How to Broil Mushrooms.

Choose the largest sort, lay them on a small gridiron over bright coals, the stalks upward. Broil quickly and serve with butter, pepper and salt over.



PONGEE SILK.

Princess frocks accompanied by little coats of same material or of a contrasting material are in high favor among well dressed women, the latter, of course, applying mostly to lingerie frocks. Our model illustrates a very striking costume of this sort in natural color pongee. Five deep tucks at bottom of skirt form the only decoration save a stock and jabot of ecru lace at neck. The little coat is made in double cape effect with sleeves cut in one, with the body and each cape edged with a narrow plaiting of brown silk. The flat, round collar is lace matching that used for stock.

BE SURE THAT YOUR MAID IS ALWAYS WELL GROOMED

A Neat, Well, and Daintily Dressed Maid Is One of the Household Requisites.

The clean, trim looking, well-mannered maid is the sign visible of a well-ordered household. Nothing gives such an unrefined air to a house as a slovenly, unkempt girl to answer the door bell or wait on table. Visitors, especially strangers, are not unreasonably apt to estimate the caliber of the mistress by the manners and appearance of her domestics—perhaps on the general principle that like consorts with like.

While it may be presumed that every self-respecting girl likes to keep her person clean, it is a fact that comparatively few mistresses afford their servants proper facilities for doing so. The small wash basin in the bedroom is entirely inadequate. A tub at least once a week is a physical necessity for health as well as for comfort, and the mistress who has the welfare of her household at heart will take the trouble to see that her maids do not neglect this duty, which is quite as important as the washing of dishes and the scrubbing of corners, since wherever there is dirt there is a lurking place for disease germs.

In most modern houses and apartments where there is no bath tub exclusively for the servants' use, there is a very good substitute for one. In the new style stationary washbub which is fitted with a removable partition. But should convenient accessory be lacking, there is no real reason why the maid should not be permitted to use the family bath tub provided afterward she scrub it thoroughly with a hard brush, some good kitchen soap and plenty of hot water. In extending this privilege, however, it should be stipulated that

the hair be washed elsewhere. A bidispan—reserved especially for the purpose—placed in the kitchen sink will answer very well for this operation, which should be performed at least once in two weeks. If the mistress insists that the maid wear a cap while sweeping or dusting it will be easy to keep the hair in good condition.

Cleanliness of person is no less important than cleanliness of person. A girl who does housework, with its attendant penalties of dust, heat and perspiration, needs to change her undergarments at least twice a week in summer. The mistress should request her to do this and should see that the soiled clothing is laundered each week. It is quite possible to broach the subject in a tactful way without incurring the girl's feelings or self-respect. She will not resent the surveillance if she is made to understand that it is prompted by concern for her personal welfare.

In all well-appointed households the maid wears a uniform of some light-colored material, such as blue or pink in the morning, and invariably black after 4 in the afternoon. A white linen turnover collar, a tie of narrow ribbon and a neat apron of white lawn or cambric finishes both of these costumes. A casual blouse over the apron, the collar made with a bib large enough to cover the bust, should be worn while engaged in cleaning or kitchen work, this to be slipped off when there is a summons to the parlor or the door.

Whether there be one or more maids in the house, it is the one who opens the door and waits at table who wears the most fetching aprons. Dotted Swiss or a more elaborate pattern—battled—of current as transparent as the Swiss—is used for making the smartest of these accessories, the trimming consisting of brettles edged with narrow lace or fine embroidery. Less frivolous and more serviceable aprons are those made of lawn or nainsook with wide hemmed hems and shoulder straps trimmed with hemstitched ruffles.

Beef Tea for the Aged.

I have often had occasion in these pages and elsewhere to protest against the widely huggled delusion of beef tea being a highly nutritious food. As I have stated, it is a stimulant and has the objectionable quality of rendering the bowels lax. Now, in old age, there is an opposite natural tendency—at least, that is the rule. When this rule obtains, and there is weakness, we shall find in strong beef tea a most valuable medicine. But do not commit the mistake of regarding the stuff as food, says Home Notes. It will so stimulate the body that food can be taken; it will so stimulate the bowels that the person will feel better; but it is making him live on his vital capital. Beef tea is no more nourishing than brandy.

When to Buy a Hat.

A society woman who is noted for her original ideas on all topics was on a shopping tour with a friend. At length she began to feel quite tired, and after a glance in a mirror said to her companion, "I'm perfectly worn out and I look a fright, so I'm going to get a hat."

"Why don't you wait until you feel better?" asked the other.

"No! I always try on hats when I look the worst, and then I can tell without doubt whether the hat will suit me or not. If it looks half-way decent on me with my hair stringing in my eyes and when I'm wearing a worried look I am sure it will look fine when I am fresh and have a new wave on my hair. I always want to know the worst about a hat. I can imagine the best."

Chiffon for Bridal Veil.

There is a new note in the bridal veil this year. It is struck by the selection of the material—that of chiffon rather than tulle. The effect is said to be very soft and cloudlike, but how it can rival the more diaphanous tulle which is used to be applied called "illusion" it is hard to understand.

Household Hints.

Turpentine will remove tar from any kind of fabric.

Always wash the dishcloth thoroughly and hang in the sunshine to dry after each using.

Handkerchiefs will have a faint scent of violets if a small piece of orris root is put in the water in which they are washed.

When roasting or baking meat in the oven place the dripping pan on a dish of water to prevent the gravy burning or boiling away.

To pack a bottle of liquid for traveling, roll it in the corrugated paper that comes around breakables from the stores and leave a generous space inside the paper at the top for sawdust.

If the liquid leaks out the sawdust will absorb it. Rubber caps with which to encase corks are also a safeguard. To keep the sawdust inside the improvised tube it will be necessary naturally to wrap it with paper and string. For a long journey in a trunk, bottles of liquid are safest packed in a big tin box, with sawdust for filling.

Gentle With Bitter People; Smile on Them.

How often we come across people in life so disagreeable and bitter, rejecting all overtures of kindness we make toward them, and sending a letter of inquiry with our good work, until we have thawed the icicles of their hearts with the warmth of our own.

Brass Bowls.

It is unwise to use too much brass or copper about a room or hall. It has a tendency to look shabby. But just the right amount—a bowl or two here and there for plants—in hallway or room give an excellent effect which no other receptacle quite attains.

As to House Dresses.

When it comes to house dresses there is only the question of becomingness and suitability to settle. Skirts of all lengths are worn, from the one that just touches all around to the one that dips into a long pointed train.

CANDY IN SMALL QUANTITIES AFTER DINNER NOT HARMFUL TO CHILDREN

Too Much Is Dangerous--None Should Be Eaten After Breakfast--Certain Amount of Right Kind Is Good for Them.

"Will it make my child sick to eat candy?" is a question I am asked so many times by careful mothers," declares a physician who has made a specialty of treating children, "that I now answer no and yes, and then explain that it depends upon the kind of candy, the amount the little one is allowed to eat, and the general condition of the health of the small boy or girl. Whereupon the anxious parent usually decides that the best plan is for the little one to do without any confectionery, and to this I always agree. For I feel confident that many cases of indigestion, if not more serious troubles—such as defective kidneys and general ill health—could be avoided if candy were not given to children when they are small."

"At the same time, if a young child craves sweets, and manifests a decided desire for them, a certain amount of candy, if the simply cooked and sweetened varieties are selected, should not do any harm, for it is my belief that unless an appetite is abnormal the best plan is to satisfy it."

"One plan I always insist upon when telling a mother or nurse to give a boy or girl confectionery is that the candy shall not be eaten until after the mid-day meal is over, and then the best plan is to give it as a dessert. In this way the youngster, who has already satisfied its hunger with substantial food, will be physically unable to take more than is good for it, and two or three pieces will usually be sufficient for even a greedy child."

"Candy should never be taken after breakfast nor after tea, for I know that many cases of colic and indigestion, to say nothing of nightmare, among children have been caused by eating candy just before going to bed."

"As I do not believe in eating any food between meals, candy should never be permitted at such times, so if my rule is followed strictly no sweets can be taken except directly after the luncheon, when there will be plenty of time to properly digest them before tea."

and any bad effect they might have will be combated by the exercise the child takes.

"Candy on an empty stomach or several hours after a regular meal, when a small boy or girl is hungry and eats the sweets to fill up on, is what causes so many painful and dangerous attacks of indigestion. Children have been brought to me really sick with fever, headache, pains in their intestines caused by the fact that they had eaten nothing but sweets for several days because they had no appetite for anything else, making substantial food at the table because their hunger had been satisfied by the sweets."

"Like all sugary foods, confectionery has a tendency to make a child fat, but the flesh taken on because of such sweets is not a desirable kind, for it is usually flabby. Besides making flesh, too much candy often turns the skin a pale, sickly yellow, or brings out eruptions. These two effects are due to the kidneys are none too strong the excess of sugar in the system is harmful, and for this reason little ones who are subject to any such weakness should have comparatively few sweets, or even pastry or desserts in which they predominate."

"While all I have said thus far has been practically against the eating of candy, I should never advise a mother to be so strict with children about eating sweets that when they have an opportunity to eat it they will take enough to make themselves sick just because they never before had a taste of confectionery. Eaten in such large quantities as to make themselves sick just because they never before had a taste of confectionery is almost sure to follow."

"Much of the craving for candy is, I believe, caused by the parents themselves, who encourage the liking for it by promises of sweets for good behavior and purchasing it for holidays and Sunday treats. The child gets to think of it as a luxury and want it on all occasions when it is possible to have any. As to the kinds of candy that should be eaten, the old-fashioned varieties, made out of molasses or sugar, such as taffy, etc., are much better than chocolate, which all children cannot eat without being harmed in some way. Highly flavored or colored candies should never be taken, for they will in a way dull the nerves of the sense of taste, and the bright red, green or yellow varieties should be eliminated because of the dyes used in them."

WISE SERVANT.

"What do you think that stupid Nora of mine did this morning?" said Mrs. Martin to her friend, Mrs. Rose, as they met in market. "She threw away all our sausages for breakfast because they burst open in cooking and she thought they were spoiled."

"I'm not laughing because you lost your breakfast," replied Mrs. Rose, "but the word 'sausage' sends our family nearly into convulsions. When the May-thams visited us a short time ago I ordered some sausage for breakfast. I wanted it particularly nice, so I cautioned Nellie, who was just over from Ireland and had only been with me two weeks, to be sure to prick each sausage so they would not burst open. She looked a little dazed, and I explained, 'Just stick a fork in each one.' A beam of intelligence crossed her face and I felt sure she comprehended, and our simple sausage would be all right."

"Imagine our feelings when Nellie, next morning, deposited in front of George's plate a single sausage, which she had just taken from the kitchen for me. 'I said each,' but I am mistaken—one poor little sausage brought up the rest with it. Nellie, realizing from my face that something was wrong, explained apologetically that the fork was in the cork-screw, and I set to myself, 'set I, the cork-screw will do for the little woman.' Good Housekeeping.

HIGHER EDUCATION DISCOURAGES STORK

Chicago University, Say Critics, Restricts Girls From Marrying.

CHICAGO, July 9.—Statistics were produced today which tend to show that the University of Chicago is producing old maids and dealing an indirect blow to the stork, and that the higher education is a stumbling-block to matrimony.

Arthur E. Bestor, secretary of the Alumni Association of the university, has just issued a book of alumni statistics that has startled the college authorities. His book shows that of the 1,060 girls who have been graduated from the university since 1893 only 171 have been married.

Can't Explain It.

While the officials of the university explain that time should be given to girls who have been graduated in the last two years, yet they have no explanation to offer for the lack of interest in matrimony shown by the others. Of the nine women who were graduated the year following the World's Fair, not one has married. Only three married the next year, and in no class has half of the girls graduated married. The percentage of women graduates who have married is about 18%. The statistics of Mr. Bestor also show that about 50 per cent of the women who have been graduated have taken up teaching.

The officials deny that there is any truth in the suggestion made by critics that the restrictions in the university against college courtships and engagements and that the students has had anything to do with this showing, nor do they believe that the average age of the women graduates has had any effect, although the statistics show that the average age of the women graduates has been close to 23, while the age of the men has been below this.

Girls Go Elsewhere.

Students in the university who have studied the statistics compiled by Mr. Bestor assert that segregation and the severe rules against visiting in the dormitories have had much to do with sending the girl graduates away from the university heart-free. They say the university has placed such restrictions on college courtship that the younger girl students go elsewhere to college. They cite the many engagements at Northwestern University, in Evanston, as proof of this claim. They also assert that more domestically inclined class of girls than those who make up the feminine contingent in the classes of the University of Chicago.

THE RATES.

A Boston lady seeking summer board on a farm saw an advertisement giving a description of about such a place as she wanted and sent a letter of inquiry. She received the following information as to terms:

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DAN CUPID CRIPPLES JERSEY SCHOOL FORCE

Another One of Vineland's Pretty Teachers Resigns to Visit Hymen's Altar.

VINELAND, N. J., July 9.—Cupid continues his attacks on the school teachers of this county and the board of education has been compelled to accept the resignation of Miss Stella Shingle, of Glenmore, Chester county, Pa., one of the best teachers in the district, who taught here last year and had signed to teach another term.

The lucky bridegroom-elect is Prof. George W. Bowman, principal of the Cedarville schools last year, and who has engaged to go to Newport next year. He met Miss Shingle at a teachers' examination last fall, and that settled things for both. They are to be married during vacation.

WOMAN RISKS OWN LIFE TO SAVE BABE FROM WATER

SHENANDOAH, Pa., July 9.—Miss Carrie Wilde, a popular young school teacher of Lost Creek, is the heroine of the day. Today a three-year-old child of Mrs. Mary James wandered into a rapidly-flowing creek near the teacher's home.

Miss Wilde heard the cries of the child as it was fast nearing death and taking in the situation at a glance, the plucky teacher ran to the creek, plunged in and rescued the little one just in the nick of time at the risk of her own life. Neighbors cheered the courageous teacher to the echo as she handed the child back to its frantic mother.

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